

A POSTAL-CARD RACE AROUND THE WORLD, AND ITS REMARKABLE ENDING.

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SOME years ago, Mr. Norman F. Chase, formerly postmaster at Montrose, New York, despatched two postal cards on a race around the world, one eastward and the other westward.

The first, mailed to San Francisco, California, thence embarked for Yokohama, Japan, crossed to Hong Kong, China, and then, by Bombay and the Suez Canal, proceeded to Paris and London, where it took steamer for New York.

The other, going directly to London, Paris, and, by the Suez Canal, to Bombay, visited Hong Kong and Yokohama, was carried to San Francisco, and thence came overland to Montrose.

These long journeys were interesting, but a remarkable coincidence made the cards' race extraordinary.

Both were mailed October 4, 1880; both were received back *on the same day* — January 17, 1881. They each went around the world in exactly one hundred and five days.

The postmarks upon the east-going read as

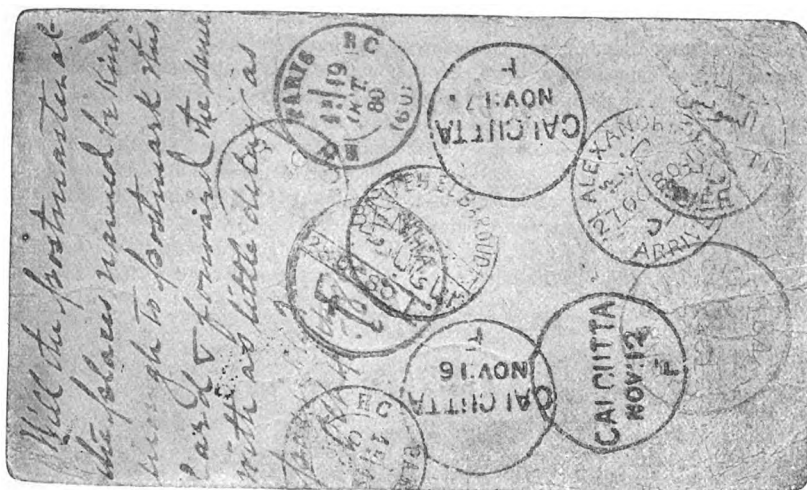
follows: Montrose, October 4; London, October 18; Paris, October 19; Alexandria, October 27; Suez, October 27, 28; Sea Post Office, October 28; Bombay, November 9; Calcutta, November 12; Hong Kong, December 8; Yokohama, December 15; San Francisco, January 9; Montrose, January 17. In a few cases double post-marks show times of arrival and departure. Thus the card was in Yokohama from the 15th to the 24th of December.

The westward card traveled on the following schedule: Montrose, October 4; San Francisco (illegible), probably October 11; Yokohama, November 10, 11; Hong Kong, November 18; Bombay, December 13; Suez, December 30; Sea Post Office, December 30; Alexandria, December 30; Paris, January 5; London, January 6; New York, January 15; Montrose, January 17.

Young students of geography and astronomy will find it an interesting problem to compare the journeys of these two cards — remembering



THE CARD THAT WAS SENT WESTWARD.



THE CARD THAT WAS SENT EASTWARD.

that, as one went westward and the other eastward, and each card "crossed the line" one gained a day in dating, and the other lost it. But no calculations are required to convince any reader that the return of the two cards on the same day was a truly remarkable result.

TEDDY AND CARROTS: TWO MERCHANTS OF NEWSPAPER ROW.

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A MEDICAL FRIEND.

THIS unexpected addition to their family had a good effect on Carrots, because it made him more careful of his money, almost uncomfortably so, Teddy thought, when, having reached Mose Pearson's, the junior member of the firm questioned whether it would not be better to have no breakfast, in order to save time.

"You see now we've got Ikey on hand we'll have to be careful of the money; else we sha'n't get that stand very soon."

"We're bound to eat, Carrots. If you

want to be so awful careful of your money, you might give up smoking cigarettes," Teddy replied.

"Oh, I swore off buyin' any, yesterday. I don't smoke now 'less some fellow gives me one. Of course, you can't reckon I'd refuse it; but this soup will be ten cents gone, an' we'd be jest as hungry by noon. Besides, we've got to buy something for supper, 'cause we're feedin' three now, you know."

"We'll get the breakfast, an' work enough harder to pay for it," Teddy replied, as he led the way into the restaurant; and again did Carrots's new ideas of economy appear, as he swallowed the soup almost at the risk of choking himself, in order to save a few moments.